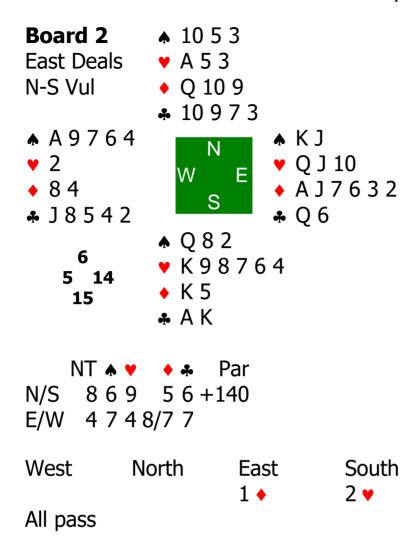


East's 2 • overcall shows 6+ spades and opening values 11-15 HCPs. Neither South nor West have enough strength to enter the auction.

Only one trick will be lost in spades if declarer leads twice towards KQ. Four tricks will be lost to \blacktriangle A, \blacktriangledown K, \blacklozenge A, \blacklozenge K.

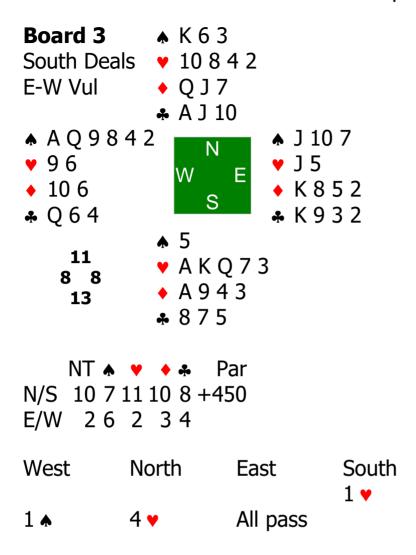
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South's 2 ♥ overcall shows 6+ hearts and opening values 11-15 HCPs. Neither West nor North have enough strength to enter the auction.

Declarer should lose only four tricks: ♠ A, ♠ K, ♥ Q, ♦ A.

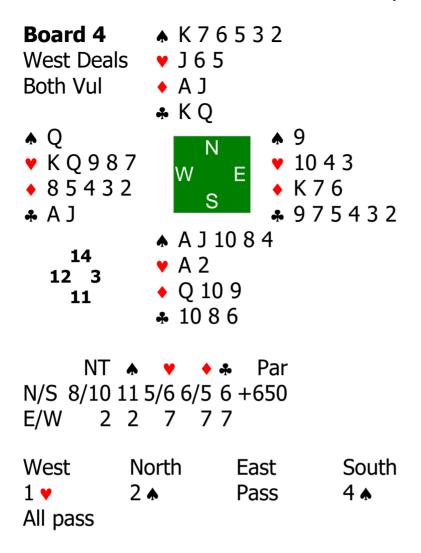
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West is not strong enough for a jump overcall so settles for $1 \blacktriangle$. North has 4-card heart support and 11 HCPs, so makes a stretch bid to $4 \blacktriangledown$.

The diamonds are located favourably for declarer: \star K is onside and \star 10 is in a doubleton, so it is possible to make four tricks in diamonds. The only losing tricks are \star A and \star K.

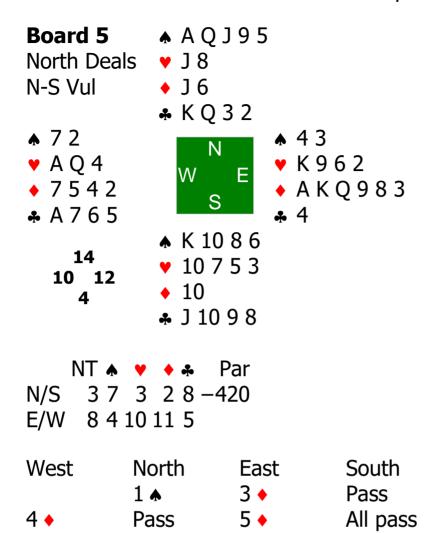
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North's 2 ♠ overcall shows 6+ spades and opening values 11-15 HCPs. South has excellent 5-card spade support and 11 HCPs, so raises to 4 ♠.

After clearing trumps in one round, declarer can play \clubsuit K and \clubsuit Q. Note that both \clubsuit A and \clubsuit J appear from West leaving \clubsuit 10 as a winner which can be used to discard \spadesuit J from hand. This means that only two tricks will be lost to \blacktriangledown K and \clubsuit A.

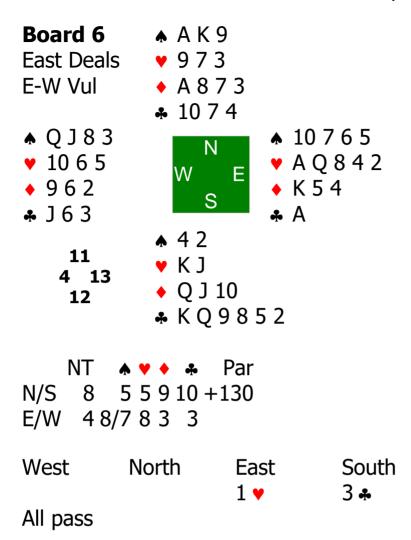
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East's $3 \bullet$ overcall shows 6+ diamonds and opening values 11-15 HCPs. Knowing the partnership has a 10-card diamond suit West can reduce an initial losing trick count of 8 down to 7 and bid an invitational $4 \bullet$. East is happy to accept the invitation and raises to $5 \bullet$.

After drawing trumps in two rounds, declarer can cash ♥ AKQ and ruff ♥ 2 in dummy. This leaves only two losing tricks: ♠ A and ♠ K.

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South's 3 * overcall shows 6+ clubs and opening values 11-15 HCPs. Neither West nor North have enough strength to enter the auction.

Only one trick will be lost in clubs if declarer leads twice towards KQ. Three tricks will be lost to \forall A, \diamond K, \clubsuit A.

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